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P R E S S R E L E A S E

Buttonwood Park Zoo's Stolen Bear to be Replaced

New Bedford, Massachusetts- The Buttonwood Park Zoo today accepted the generous offer by a local artist to carve a new wooden bear to display at the zoo. Mr. Ross MacVicar of Plymouth, Massachusetts, specializes in carving North American mammals and nature scenes and has generously offered to replace the bear carving which was recently stolen from just outside the zoo's entrance on March 3rd, 2007.

Mr. MacVicar has been carving as a hobby for almost 16 years, using a chainsaw the past two and a half years instead of his hammer and chisel. He will be visiting the Zoo sometime in the next two weeks to meet with the staff and discuss where the new carving will be located. The Buttonwood Park Zoo has determined that the new carving will be located within the Zoo for long-term visitor enjoyment.

The Zoo will inform the public when plans are finalized for an official presentation of the finished carving and any other activities surrounding that event.

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